Chicago. March 7th 1855

Dear Sir:

We are beaten. Boone is mayor by about 400 maj. & the K. N's have 10 aldermen to our 8. Milliken got no votes but those of the Democratic party, which amounts to very 3000!! This is proper, indeed, & is entirely the result of having a paper here of the right kind.

I write this in hopes of its reaching you before you leave Washington. Owen McCarthy who is the best man of the Irish wing of our party in this city will be turned out of office immediately. If you have not had ~~the~~ Filkins Successor, appointed, I recommend him for the place. His appointment will ~~Knock~~ destroy all opposition or objection to Snowhooks removal. I do not advise Snowhooks removal, but if it is to be done I would not raise a straw to prevent it. No harm can follow it but much good. Ask Cch. if he does not think Owen McCarthy who is a sober reliable decent man, would make a good officer, & I think his appointment the very best that could be made.

In great haste. I have not heard from again a word up to this date upon financial matters.

Truly yours

D. W. Sheahan

Sheehan abt
McCarthy apt
& Electors

March 7
1851

Trenton March 14 /55.

Dr. Sir,

Sometime ago I was informed by Col. Woodruff that he had had an interview with you in Washington relative to assisting me to start a genuine Democratic paper in New Jersey, and that he had left with you my letter to him on the subject. Since that time I have had an offer from Mr. Isaac Cook of Chicago to become assistant editor of the Chicago Times for at least six months with the prospect of ultimately taking the editorial control of that paper at a salary of about $2,000 per an.

It is therefore my intent at this time to say to you that I hope that you are willing to assist me in my Chicago enterprise, and that you will not blame me for saying in reference to New Jersey, "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone".

Illinois has a large sprinkling of Jerseymen already and I think that that region would suit me and that I would suit the region. Besides, in the course of time, I may be gratified by being somewhat serviceable to your interests. — I have no written agreement with Mr. Cook, but I have understood him to be a reliable man, and I have consequently agreed to start for Chicago the first week in May, to try it for six months at $100 per month. — I wish you would write to me and give me your advice in the premises. When I was in Washington I called two or three times at the Senate Chamber to see you but each time my card was returned "non est". I regret that I had not the advantage of a personal interview, but I trust that you will do me the honor to send me an early reply to this frank communication. I reside in Newark, but I am engaged at present in lobbying with the Legislature at this place. —

Yours very truly

Morris R. Hamilton

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U.S. Senate

Hamilton's
letter abt Editg
the Chicago Times
Trenton N.J.

March 14th
1857

Winchester Ills March 21th 1855

To the Senate and House of Repsⁿ

In Congress Assembled

Messrs your petioner wishes to inform the senate and House of Representeiv's, that during the last Indians troubles known as the black hawk War on the frontiers of Illinois, that the Governor of Ill. Orderd mounted Volenteers to be raised for the Protection of the frontiers the requesit numbers being raised called forth, To Beardstown the place of rendavouse there to await further orders — Orders being Given to march on for action, Companies not being All Properly organize, Companies not Marching to Order or Grade and being 2 days Crossing the Ills River reaching Capt. Solomon Harrings Company of Morgan County orders Given for parade the Company obaying sd orders and paraded to march to the Comasaries house to draw their for each respected mess his rations, They were then informed By, William Thomas them Quartermaster of sd Campain, that there was not any provison an Hand for them to draw, that he had to cut off those Companies that had crossed the river with half rations, Capt. Harrings Company with some other Companies was return home on furlow with orders to stand as minet for 15 days

So Companies returned home and complied with Orders Your Petioner inform both Houses of Congress it was not their fault they did not form that tour of duty as was ordered By the Governor they was mustered into service Mess off all necessary Camp vessels for the Camp air was at all necessary expenses for the out fit so far as expenses is concerned it cost them So much as those that went the whole trips Those companies that was mustered out of service have received their daily wages long since and Now is receiving a bounty of 160 Acres of land when Those Companies that was on furlow does not received any thing. Now the Question is whether those Companies under furlow under those Circumstances would be entitled to pay or not; should there not have been any returns made of such Companies To the Generals Government. The above petition Can be referd to the Quarter (master Genl) William Thomas of Jackson Ills who Can give General Satisfaction to both houses of Congress so far So this petition is concerned Now your petitions Regarding the Sympathis of both houses of Congress of being republican in all of its acts Do Earnestly pray both honorble bodies whilst they are dividing off those vast Public Domains So Called the Valey of the Mississippi Why those few Companies which was under Furlon Cannot be allowd a compensation, are we not all, Heirs of the same republick if so why not receive a portion of those Gifts which So so freely bestowd upon the soldier who risks his life his all to support so noble a Republic as this which he so proudly boast of

Yours Respectfully

William Strange

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Mr Strange
Winchester Va
is referred to
being called out
in some matters
difficulty
Claims as
soldier

J. K.

Maj. Genl. Douglas
Washington City

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Custom House Chicago
Jan 28 1855

Sir

Enclosed herewith please receive four Drafts on the Republican Bank Ny. three for $500 00/100 each and one for $521 83/100 Also a Cert of Stock for fifty Shares @ $100 00/100 each in the Bank of Com and Also Col Dimeraey receipt for $500 00/100 paid by you to the German National Democrat News paper Also a receipt for $200 00 placed to your Credit in the Exchange Bank all which balance the Draft you gave me for $1500 00/100 Col Dimeraey states that the type was already agreed for to start the Weekly paper and has to be paid for by the 1st of Next Month I therefore paid him the Amt

Hoping your health is fast improving

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedt
Philip Conley

Hon S A Douglas
Free Trade
Ill

P.S. I took the liberty of sending you small drafts thinking you might want them in that way

New York March 28. 1855

Dear Sir.

I have been under the necessity of assigning my Claim against you for $5000. which I hoped to have settled with you myself. The holder of the Claim has however consented to leaving the matter with me for the present to adjust with you learning that you will soon be in this City on your way to the West.

I by that you will when you are here give me notice that I may call and see you. or I shall be much pleased to have you step in to our old Office 29 Wall Street. where I shall be most happy to see you as an old friend. Whilst I am turned in my fortunes I retain all my former friendships and let me assure you I have lost none of my admiration of yourself and fully approve of and stand firm by the principles which have actuated your Course. Believe me very truly

Yours &c Julius Wadsworth

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington.

Wadsworths
Leitter N. York

Peru April 2nd 1855

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

I wrote you at Washington some ten days since enclosing certificate of Bank Stock in the Bank of Peru and have heard nothing from it since if you have not rec'd it it has taken the course a number of other letters I have written you this winter if it has came to hand please inform me of the fact at your earliest convenience, I must before closing this return you my sincere thanks for your kind efforts in my behalf and assure you that but an opportunity has to ~~but~~ offer its self for me to return it

Your sincere friend

A. T. Crenshaw

W. J. Crenshaw
Penn Sec

Tolland Conn. April 9. 1855

Sir,

Josiah G. Beckwith is very anxious to obtain an appointment of Cadet at West Point, and has failed in consequence of political considerations to obtain it from this State. He now learns that there is a vacancy from Illinois that may be obtained for him. I know Mr. Beckwith personally, and am satisfied that we have not in connection a young man of fairer promise. If he could be successful in his application I am satisfied the country will be well served, and a worthy young man encouraged. Mr. Beckwith has very many relatives and friends, all of whom take a deep interest in

his welfare, and an independent working man of the national democratic party.

If you can consistently with your views of propriety and the Buchanan in his application you will add another to the favors for which I am already your debtor, and may much gratify a large number of political friends in this State.

I have the honor to remain
very truly yours &c
Lorenzo Waldo

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

I fully concur in the above
M. D. Leclerq

Bridgeport Conn
April 9th/57

All Mr Waldo had said of Mr Beckwith is strictly true. and I can't but hope the young gentleman may have an opportunity of doing himself and the State of Illinois credit, as a cadet at West Point

Yours Truly
Albert T. Phelps

Hon Judge Douglas

Loren P. Waldo
Tolland
Ct.

Freeddsport Jackson
Co Illinois April
27 1855

Hon S A Douglas

Sir

Enclosed is a communication in reference to the swamp lands along the Illinois Central which the Wilson Commissioner has lately decided do not belong to the States — We should be happy to avail ourselves of your opinion and views upon the subject

Very Truly —
John Chamberlain

Hon S Douglas

Hon S A Douglas
Chicago

Hon Stephen A. Douglas, Apr. 27, 1855

The undersigned Members of the County Court of Iroquois County Illinois and Grand Jurors of the present April term (1855) of the Iroquois Circuit Court and Citizens of Iroquois County respectfully ask your opinion upon the late decision of Mr. Wilson, Commissioner &c. – which decision is adverse to the State's holding the Swamp Lands, under the Swamp Land act, within six Miles of the Illinois Central Rail Road!

This decision is in opposition to our interest as a County, and as we think, to our right also. Takes from us some Sixty Thousand Acres of Swamp Lands which have been surveyed at a great Expense to the State, and approved to the County of Iroquois by Mr. Langborough, Deputy Surveyor General at St. Louis, Mo. – and the Surveys thereof have been forwarded to Washington.

We beg leave, Sir, to ask your opinion as to the correctness of the above decision, and request that you suggest the proper way for us to test its validity –

Very Respectfully &c.

Middleport, Iroquois Co. Ill.
Apr. 27, 1855

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David W. Montgomery
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Alanson Ball
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Jacob Frazier
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L. Fleck
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Apr. 27, 1855

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M Hogle
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N B White
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Henry Root
Daniel Shock
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Thos G Davis
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Wm Pierce
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Henry Kellner
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Nimrod Bonnell
Geo Hogle
Leonard Phillips
B B Masters
Herman Moore
Thomas Wallace
Thomas Kendall
Wilson S. Hay
Dan Tuttle
Franklin Stevens
Joseph Thompson
Sam Langline
John Flesher Jr
M. V. B. Harwood

Washington City April 28th 1855

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

My Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you two notes, which I wish you to endorse, and return to me. The largest to renew a note for $250, on which I intend to pay $25, and which falls due on the 7th of May ensuing; and the smallest to renew a note for $60 on which I intend to pay $10 — which falls due May the 19th. Please attend to it as soon as you receive this letter, as there will be but little time for the largest which falls due May 7th —

Col. Bissell has removed to Baltimore. I received a letter this morning, in which he says, he feels better by the change from Washington — Lieut. Beall gave Col. Manypenny a severe whipping, with fists, a few days ago — Every Body responds, Amen!

Will you please look at my lot No. 8, Block 3, next adjoining the old Lighthouse, and tell me what you think it is worth in money. Your friend Richard de Young

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago
Illinois

Care of
Isaac Cook Esq

P.M. Springfield
Illinois

Dubuque Iowa May 6 1855

My dear Geo

I am much pleased to learn from our noble friend Mr Corcoran that you & our friend Elisha Riggs intend to make a visit to this section of the country. Now I wish you & friends Riggs to understand that my latch string is always hanging out to such friends as you are & that if you will put up with my humble mansion and fare I will be much pleased to have you two as my guests during your stay here.

I want you & friend Riggs to make up your minds to meet some

few thousand dollars here & at Dan-
ville & my word for it your money
will be doubled in a Year or two.

Make my own my wife's &
my Mrs regards to Mrs Bright &
your children. Present me, also, in
all respect & kindness to Mrs & Messrs Lo-
coran & to Messrs Riggs & Co.

Your friend

Geo. W. Jones

Hon Exr
Jas D Bright
Vice Prest U S
Washn D.C.

It is proper that you should
read this letter, so that if you
drop in reach of the "Sotel Thing"
dinned by our mutual friend
Jones you may take hold
of it

Truly yours
Bright

Chicago Ill
May 12th 1855

Dear Judge,

Enclosed are two letters in relation to the Rock Island Office. As I do not intend to send them to Washington I submit them to you. I have not referred to them in my report.

I am yours &c
W. B. Brown

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Rock Island May 4th 1855

Hon W J Brown

Dear Sir. I have learned with no little surprise that charges have been preferred against our present efficient Post Master James Kelly with a view to cause his removal from said office & that the object of your present visit to our city is for the purpose of investigating those charges. I am not aware who has made the charges vs. Mr Kelly nor can I say that I am aware what are the charges which have been preferred. It has however been intimated that one of the charges & perhaps the main one, is Mr Kelly's infidelity to the Democratic party generally & particularly towards our present Senator Hon S A Douglas. I am indeed surprized if such a charge has been made & that any man either Democrat Whig or Fusionist residing in this community who has witnessed Mr Kelly & his political course would venture to make the charge, for no man in this city or State has been more unwavering & zealous perhaps as little in his support of the Administration & its acts or in his support of Judge Douglas as James Kelly, not only during the past exciting political contest in our state, but during the whole period of his residence in Rock Island. Such a charge cannot be sustained by truth.

With regard to his competency & efficiency I will say that he is both competent & efficient. I have now been a resident of Rock Island eight years and I can safely say, that during that time, the Post Office has not been better or as well managed & conducted as it has been during Mr Kelly's administration.

Very Respectfully
D. Whitaker

Rock Island, May 7. 1855.

Hon. Wm. J. Brown:

Dear Sir:

I avail myself of your kind invitation to write to you, respecting the proposed removal of J. S. Kelly, the Postmaster of this city. There are several objections to it as a political measure which I wish to present distinctly.

In the first place, are you aware that Danforth, Mr. Kelly's prime enemy, is generally esteemed a very bitter Catholic? Are you aware also that Le Lar, concentrated the chief part of the Catholic influence here, against him? - These are both facts. In view of them, I do not hesitate to say that the removal of Mr. Kelly would be heralded all over the land, as brought about, not by his dishonesty or incapacity, but by Catholic influence. We should have it circulated and used all over the land as another "bare bowing down to the dark spirit of Popery", by the whole midnight band of Know Nothing bigots. It would afford them just what they want in this region — a plausible cause. I have no hesitation in saying that in this view Mr. Kelly's removal would be a deep injury

to the party — a very great obstacle in the way to success, in the use which would be made of it, and in the prejudice which it would arouse. — The removal of Mr. Kelly would create also a very unpleasant impression throughout this community — namely that Judge Douglas, does not know his true friends and allows them to be stricken down, while he sees their power given into the hands of treacherous flatterers, who "bow the supple hinges of the knee" to him, only "that thrift may follow fawning." During his residence in Illinois, Mr. Kelly has been uniformly — even in the darkest times — true to the Democracy of the State and its Honored Chief. He has been so, often at the sacrifice of personal interests and personal friends. The men who seeks his removal, upon the contrary, never went for Judge Douglas until his star was in the ascendant — up to last August — long after Wentworth had attained the "deepest deep" in treachery — they went for him for Congress, as I can prove from the files of the Republican edited by Danforth. When I came to this District last fall, I came, resolved, as an honest man, to oppose Wentworth at all hazards; and I was told daily and fully expected that my chief opponent would be the Republican. That it came over to the support of Judge Douglas, was not for principle but for pelf. If Mr. Kelly is removed, there will be hereafter no inducement for true men to stand up for Judge Douglas. It will be felt that he knows not his true friends while he hugs to his bosom false friends who will desert him whenever the storm cloud lowers.

— There is another political objection to Mr. Kelly's removal. It is well known here, and admitted by all candid men, that the fight between Danforth and his friends and Mr. Kelly is a purely personal one. It originated in a personal difficulty between them. That Danforth is actuated by personal motives must I think be evident to you from the fact that he has a man already selected for Mr. Kelly's place — Wm. Frizzell; a man whose appointment would be deplored by all classes of community. If Danforth succeeds in having Mr. Kelly removed and Mr. Frizzell appointed it will be universally considered here that the Department has been used, to gratify the envy, malice, and jealousy of a few individuals.

There is a charge made against Mr. Kelly that he supports the "Rock Islander", an anti-Douglas anti-Nebraska paper. That the charge is perfectly baseless and truthless can be very easily shown. Twice within six weeks that paper has been

made to me, by a intimate personal friend of Danforth's, and with his consent, that we should go into partnership and unite the "Rock Islandi" and "Republican" together. If the "Rock Islandi" is the paper he represents it to be, why did Danforth make such a proposition. I need hardly say his offer was declined, not from any dissatisfaction with the "Republicans" present position, but from a deep, and well founded distrust of the honesty, manliness, and real Democracy of Danforth — a distrust which is shared by the whole community, save a corrupt, confederate few. I have only to say that I have never said one word against either Judge Douglas or the Administration or the Nebraska Bill; that I have always been their firm and fast friend; and I am the more free in expressing my friendship for them because I have, and probably never shall have any political preferment to seek from Judge Douglas, or from any Administration. My whole error — if error it was — was in last fall too long striving to find some common platform upon which all true men might unite to fight together against our Abolition and Know Nothing foes. "My offending hath this extent & no more." It was my desire that the Democracy of Illinois should be not scattered and defeated but united and victorious

And last fall, when Mr. Kelly thought that in my desire for union I was too tolerant, he was among the first then to politically oppose me, while personally my friend.

I could elaborate much more, but shall not weary your patience longer. It is my especial request that you hand this letter to Judge Douglas and let him read it.

Please accept my best wishes for your success in the performance of your arduous duties and believe me

Your friend
Emil. J. Pershing
Editor "Rock Islander"

New York May 15th 1855.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

My dear Judge,

I cannot suffer this opportunity to pass by, without wishing you health, prosperity, and success in all your national & individual enterprises. I thank you for all the kind help thou gave me in Chicago and hope to be honored in 1860 if not in 1856. All that I ask in the mean time is that you should believe in my sincere attachment to you, of which I trust history will furnish the proof.

I have bought a lot 40 by 165 in State Street Chicago & have authorized Messrs Rees & Kirkpatrick to draw for the purchase money $5800 cash on Riggs & Co which draft has been duly protested, and has not yet come to hand. I shd be obliged to you were you to give Messrs Rees & Kirkpatrick a hint.

If the Illinois Central RR Company were to make me their agent in Germany & Switzerland, I feel assured, I could sell the whole no of acres during my stay abroad. I suggest the matter merely; the Company may act its own pleasure and find a better man.

I have been at the office of the Herald and have put down the Chicago Times on the Exchange list. Please commend me to the editor - whom I consider a man of great ability & talent.

With your permission, I shall occasionally drop you a line from Europe. Believe me, my dear Judge,

Your warm friend & obt Svt

Francis J. Grund

care of Messrs Green & Co
Place St. George
Paris.

Chas A. Dana
Esq

Maj. Green & Co
Rey

Impossible

Waynesburg Greene Co. Penn.
June the 11th 1855

Respected Sir. I am a student of "Waynesburg College" And as we democrats have to discuss the leading political questions of the day with the isms, in general you know that documents would be very usefull to us, I therefore address you, And hope you will send me such documents as you think would be usefull to the democratic portion of students, in such discussions. I regret that you are not at present a candidate for the presidency. But console myself with the pleasing hope, that you will be in future And in that event I think western Penn. will shout to the nation that she is in favor of the "Kansas Nebraska Act. Your unknown friend

To the
Hon: Stephen A Douglas Samuel A Montgomery

Saml A Montgomery
Waynesburg Penn

Notts Dem Docs

Sent June 19 1856

Macon Georgia June 24th 1855

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas, Sir I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you, after the reading of which I hope you will discover sufficient to Plead an apology for so doing, &c from a Letter addressed to my Brother in Law here by Mr Strickland your Present overseer in Mississippi I learn that he does not intend staying on that Plantation an other year, that you may be the Better acquainted with me I carried them hands from Georgia and Settled that Plantation for Robert Martin he was my wifes uncle and Previous to his Death he wished me and my wife to return Back there Should you contemplate geting an other Person to superventon your business out there I would like to make an agreement with you as I am familiarly acquainted in that Section and as for my Business qualifications, I can give you the names of such men here in Georgia that you are acquainted with as there Standing as to leave no dobt on your mind as to my competency and I can do the same in Lawrence Co Miss &c. Please to answer this and if further correspondance should be necessary I would like to open it with you, Yours with Respect

Hardy Morris

Hardy Morris
Macon Ga

Department of the Interior,
Washington, June 29th 1855.

Sir,

From a recent examination into the condition of the Land Office at Danville, Ills: it appears to be expedient, if not absolutely necessary, to remove the present Register of that Office.

It has been suggested to this Department that John N. Drake, of Vermillion County, Ills: would be a suitable person to fill the vacancy that may thus be created, and, as I desire to consult your wishes in the matter, I should be pleased to hear from you on the subject.

Should Dr. Daniy, the present incumbent, or his friends, prefer that an opportunity may be afforded him to resign, the Department would be satisfied to receive his resignation.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
Your Obt: Servant,
R. McClelland
Secretary.

Hon: S. A. Douglas
Chicago,
Illinois.

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Confidential

San Francisco
June 30th 1855

J. A. Douglas.
U. S. Senate

Dear Sir

Hammond has paid me to day $180.00 — to Assistant Framing which makes his accounts all right

I am sorry to know it —

Yours Truly

D Hayden

D. Hayden
San Francisco
Cal

1855

Chicago July 7th 1855

Hon.ble Judge Douglas

Sir

The subject of the swamp lands in Iraquois is, at this moment, of intense interest to the inhabitants. The commissioner of the land office has adopted a rule utterly at variance with their just rights and equally opposed to the main object of ~~the~~ Congress in granting these lands to the State. - The County of Iraquois has proceeded in entire good faith in selecting the lands, within its limits - the neighbouring Counties have been unscrupulous and consequently the whole land district has been exposed to the operations of Speculators - Any one who can procure the evidence of two persons, who pass their opinion of any tract of land, that it is not swamp land, ~~is~~ allowed to enter the tract in question, unless the testimony is rebutted by the County, before the Register and Receiver, who are decidedly interested parties - The result must ~~longer~~ be the loss of the greater portion of these lands to the County involving most ruinous expences in defending them - I would suggest in addition to the statement I previously took the liberty of troubling you with - That if the New Commissioner could be induced to adopt the only rule consistent with the spirit of the law, in determining

what are, or are not, swamp lands. the whole difficulty might be settled equitably and truly - "In a forty acre tract, if water stands upon it to the average depth of two inches, and over more than half the tract as late as the 10th of April, it should be considered as swamp land and requiring drainage" - At present the most absurd decisions will be made upon the judgement and testimony of interested parties - The rule I propose, cannot be acted on, till next spring, but the County could, in the mean time be rendered safe, by testing it with the level - Is it practicable, do you think, to impress the Commissioner and Secretary of the interior with the propriety of changing their present course of proceeding - A large majority of the people of Fragmi feel, that the prosperity of that District of Country depends upon this issue - Your services and influence, if duly exercised in this matter would be thankfully received and appreciated

Respectfully yours

Rich'd P. Morgan -

R. P. Morgan
Chicago
Land &c

Hancock Co. Miss. July 18th 1853

Messrs Editors of Gazette.

Permit me to offer you a few thoughts. I look upon the late Compromise as a Aphlia dia light to be reared upon the commercial intercourse we have with foreign nations. Sheltered under the Stars and Stripes, of our happy republic.

I look upon the Baltimore Platform as a well cemented edifice, strewed with flowers and perfumes, upon which the Southern and Northern interests can sit to gether, and legislate for the prosperity and defence of our Government. I look upon the States Rights party, as being an honorable body of politicians, but being inflated with ambition, but agitating their first position to long, but when the people spoke forth this sentiment at the September Election they humbly and patriotically bowed to the Sovereign voice of the State. They Each party organized again upon National issues with a few exceptions. The States Rights Democrats assembled in Convention and invited the Union Democrats to participate with them in sending delegates to the Baltimore Democratic Convention. I look upon them, then, as being equal, if not foremost in forming that platform. They participated in the nomination of Pierce and King, and afterwards returned home and fought valiantly in their support. As a token of their patriotism, Jeff Davis was awarded a seat in the Cabinet.

I wish now to give you some few ideas of general Foole. He has a penetrating eye, fine recollection

lively imaginary, and perceptive in his powers of mind. The highest order of wit and an abundant ridicule, I now fearlessly invite Gen Scott to withhold these powers, and act distinct the political genius of the State. I look upon these powers as the vehicle in which the great mass of our nation rode together in forming the Compromises. I helped to adorn that vehicle, we cushioned it with velvet, harnessed it with silver, fringed it with golden and bordered lace. I now look upon him as an unmasked for agitator and a political Demagogue. Chemically he puts me in mind of a toad in a glass house, inflated with ambition, and a desire of personal and political glory, breathing the air of self importance derived from the popularity of the Compromise measures, and now let the sober thinking Union men withdraw from him their support and exclude this atmosphere from his house, and then let him burst, and so save the peace and harmony of our State.

He makes me think, in some respects, of a Mormon preacher, with his well selected scriptures, daring attitude and bantering positions. My humble opinion is that he is trying to seduce the gentle and weak sisters of the Democratic party.

My sincere desire is to be a friend to my State and country and institutions of our day.

Amen, A. Mills Demaral

I consider Neal after this

To Judge Douglas

Turin, 4th August 1855.

My dear Sir,

Permit me to recommend to your acquaintance and good offices, my friend the Chevalier Bertinatti, Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the King of Sardinia in Washington. M. Bertinatti has been for a long time an able and trusted agent of Sardinian Diplomacy, and you will find him a most kind and agreable gentleman. Any politeness you may show to him will be most highly appreciated by

Your friend

J. M. Daniel

Hon S. A. Douglas

Letter of introduction
from J. M. Daniel
Turin

Rec Dec 1855

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